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Luigi d'Ayala Valva (1976, Livorno, Italy) is a brother of the Monastic Community of Bose. After his studies of Ancient Greek history and literature in Pisa, he entered at the Monastery of Bose in 2001, where ever since he continued his research mainly in the field of patristics and monastic literature, with special reference to the ancient and byzantine tradition. Along with his scholarly and editorial activity, he charged with the formation of the novices and is member of the scientific board of the annual *International Ecumenical Conference on Orthodox Spirituality*, which is held in Bose since 1992, in collaboration and with the patronage of different Orthodox Churches. He is also member of the A.I.E.P. (Association Internationale Etudes Patristiques). Among his publications, the Italian translation and commentary of some of the main texts of the ancient monastic tradition: the *Heavenly Ladder* of St John Climacus, the *Little Catecheses* of St Theodore the Studite, the *Sayings of the Desert Fathers*. He is currently publishing the *Life of St Athanasius the Athonite*.

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